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Staff meeting.

Helen Kirkpatrick and Geoff Parsons came to see me about a telephone message from Tomlinson and a telegram from Draper regarding the establishment of our representation at the Schuman Plan High Authority. After conferring with Linc Gordon, we sent a message to them giving them the necessary instructions, which are somewhat different from what they had advocated.

Mr. Chase consulted with me about the publicity aspects of the operation for which a flotilla is now being assembled to proceed to Eniwetok.

Joseph Franks, [redacted] the international political representative of the Ford Motor Company in Washington, came to talk to me about his new position, created by it. It is unprecedented, as far as I know, in American business, and is a sensible thing for the Ford Company to have done. If, for example, they should decide to shut down their plant in France and to enlarge their operations in Germany, they would discuss the foreign aspects of such an activity before reaching any definite decision.

Mr. Mann, deputy to Eddie Miller, came to talk to me about the Chilean election, which takes place in early September. Bedell Smith had mentioned this to me earlier in the day.

I had a haircut at the Metropolitan Club and lunch there with Bob LeBreton of Bob Lovett's office.

The Secretary came in at 3:00 o'clock and, at a meeting with Mrs. Shipley, Butch Fisher and Kenny South, settled the new procedure to be adopted regarding the issuance of passports.

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The Quaker film entitled "A Time for Greatness", which runs for about twenty minutes, was shown this afternoon in the Department. Perhaps it was inspired by the best of motives, but it would be as effective a piece of propaganda to further Communist aims as one could imagine. I do not believe there is any way to stop its circulation, but we are trying to devise some method of limiting its distribution as much as is practicable.

I talked to Dean for a short time regarding my trip to Mexico.

I called Bill Foster about the air lift from Teheran. It seems ~~that~~ we cannot pull it off, since the pilgrims assembled there did not arrive at Mecca before the final date upon which the Saudi Arabian Government would permit them to land. Meanwhile, however, one of our planes has picked up Kashani, the Persian Mad Mullah, at Beirut, and has given him a free ride to the holy place.

Senator Sparkman called me, at the request of one of his constituents, who wishes us to make a grant of arms to the Israeli Government.

We went down the Potomac tonight for supper with the Lovetts on the yacht Sequoia. There were Charles Coolidge and his wife, the Carl Bendetsens, and Dr. and Mrs. Hardin. It was a beautiful night and we had a fine time.

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